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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1915.

WHOLE NUMBER, 2068.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

About Town Notes

The dedicatory exercises of the new and extensive addition to the Collegeville High School building will be held on Friday evening, March 12, 1915, at 8 o'clock. Further particulars in next week's issue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halling and children, of Norristown, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moyer and children, of Collegeville, spent Sunday with I. K. Hansen and Mrs. C. Landes and daughter Edna spent Tuesday at the same place.

Contractor Elmer S. Poley has awarded the contract to Mr. George F. Clamer to install heating and plumbing fixtures and a pneumatic water system in the two houses of Mr. John Weikel of Trappe.

There was a regular meeting of the Asacela Club of the Masonic lodge on Tuesday evening in the Masonic Temple.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church met at the home of Mrs. Clapp on Tuesday evening.

Mr. M. L. Boorem underwent an operation at Dr. Pifer's hospital, Norristown, last week to remove a cataract on his eye. He is doing nicely.

Mr. Earl Brooke, of Wayne, spent the week's end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Walt.

Mr. C. H. Dedaker, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Dedaker.

Mrs. William Hill is spending the week as the guest of her daughter at Irving College.

Mrs. John H. Barrett spent the week's end with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. G. F. Clamer and sons were in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Miss Leona Weiss spent the week's end with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gleaser at Schwenksville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berron and Mr. Guillem Clamer, of Philadelphia, spent the week's end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer.

Mrs. Joseph Hendricks is spending several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hobson, in Pottstown.

Mrs. David Reiner visited friends in Royersford, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed church met at the home of Mrs. C. D. Yost on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Markley, of Linerick Center, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermacher on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gleason and children of Gilbertville spent several days last week at the home of Mrs. Riegle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gristock and daughters spent Sunday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Lillian Swartz, of Tacony, spent Sunday and Monday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn spent Sunday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of Douglassville, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ingram.

Mrs. Kate Springer, of Skippack, is spending some time with Miss Lizzie Kraz.

Mrs. Harry Mack, of Pottstown, spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Essig.

Mr. Carl Bechtel has recovered from his recent attack of diphtheria and expects to return to his work the latter end of the week.

H. B. Lapp will hold a sale of harness at Perkiomen Bridge hotel on March 20. See adver. page 4.

Annual Meeting of W. C. T. U.

The 28th annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Landes with satisfactory attendance. Reports of the year's work were read and appropriations made at previous meeting paid. All the old officers were re-elected for the coming year. It was reported that books for the public school library had been selected. A well-prepared paper on a timely topic connected with temperance work, written and read by Mrs. Mary D. Favinger, was much appreciated by all present.

The Collegeville union was organized during the amendment campaign of 1889, and it has held meetings continuously ever since that date.

Lenten Services.

Services of the Episcopal church will be held on each Wednesday afternoon during the season of Lent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McAlister, Collegeville, at 3.30. Every-one welcome. Rev. H. M. G. Huff, minister.

No Use to Try and Wear Out Your Cold.

It Will Wear You Out Instead.

Thousands keep on suffering coughs and colds through neglect and delay. Why waste yourself an easy way to serious ailments and epidemics as the result of a neglected cold? Coughs and colds sap your strength and vitality unless checked in the early stages. Dr. King's New Life Pills is what you need—the first dose helps. Your head clears up, you breathe freely and you feel so much better. Buy a bottle today and start taking at once.

The Death Roll

Catharine G. Fox.

Catharine G. Fox died at her home, Collegeville, on Wednesday evening of last week, aged 69 years. She survived by her sister Mary Fox, Collegeville, and brother John of Audubon. Funeral was held on Monday at 10.30. Interment in the Schwenksville cemetery; J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Emma Schaffer.

Emma, wife of Jacob Schaffer of Oaks, died on Friday, aged 62 years. She is survived by her husband and five children. Funeral on Wednesday at 1.30. Services in Green Tree church at 2 o'clock. Interment in the adjoining cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Mrs. Little.

Anna Maria Little died Thursday morning at Obelisk, aged 37 years. The husband and three children survive. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 12.30 at Beriolet's meetinghouse and cemetery; undertaker F. W. Salkop in charge.

Carolina H. Mester.

Carolina H. Mester, wife of Dr. J. B. Mester, died at her home in New Hanover, Wednesday evening of last week, aged 53 years, 9 months and 12 days. Funeral on Friday at 11 a. m. at Swamp Lutheran church and cemetery; undertaker F. W. Salkop in charge.

MANY REMONSTRANCES FILED.

Forty-nine remonstrances were filed at Norristown Monday forenoon by Attorney George P. Wanger against that number of applications for liquor licenses in Montgomery county. All of these remonstrances, with the exception of the one against the Adam Scheidt Brewing Company and one against W. H. Freed, of Upper Hanover, are of general character, alleging lack of necessity in each case. Against the Adam Scheidt Brewery the remonstrance alleges as a reason why the license should not be granted a violation of the law in "that the applicant is peculiarly interested in the profits of the business of selling liquors conducted in various places throughout the county."

Egg Laying Contest.

Messrs. David Culp, M. W. Godshall, Elmer Conway, and H. H. Koons, all of Collegeville, delight in poultry-keeping, and there exists a friendly rivalry between them. On December 1, 1914, they began to keep a daily record of the eggs received from their hens, and on December 1, 1915, it will be determined just who is the biggest who as a keeper of prolific poultry. The record for February follows: David Culp, Jr.,—38 hens, 696 eggs; highest number in one day, 28. M. W. Godshall—50 hens, 695 eggs; highest number in one day, 34. Elmer Conway—81 hens, 1187 eggs; highest number in one day, 54. H. H. Koons—44 hens, 381 eggs; highest number in one day, 20.

Wife Must Give Up Property.

Judge A. S. Swartz, in a decree recently filed in the action of L. P. White against the late John G. Dallas, who appropriated to his own use monies of White amounting to \$68,095.70, directed that Mrs. Dallas, widow of Dallas and executrix of his estate, must deed to White the Dallas home (in Mrs. Dallas' name) in Ardmore, valued at about \$20,000. The monies attached in several Philadelphia banks, deposited in Dallas' name, will also go to White. Dallas was a bookkeeper for White, a Philadelphia wholesale jeweler.

Of Importance to Storekeepers.

Internal Revenue Collector, John J. Ferry, of Norristown, says all grocery stores, and other places that sell laudanum or any thing else containing opium, must be registered, and their application should be in his hands without delay, to save penalty.

Revival Meetings.

Rev. L. Shoalts, of Canada, will begin a series of revival meetings at the River Brethren's church, near Graterford, on Monday evening, March 8, at 7.30. All cordially invited.

A Card.

Miss Mary Fox hereby gives expression to her most sincere thanks to neighbors and friends for their kind assistance prior to and at the funeral of her departed sister.

Cantata at Evansburg.

A cantata will be given on Saturday evening, March 6, in the M. E. church, Evansburg, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. A silver offering will be taken.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a humming sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular free.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

URSINUS COLLEGE NOTES.

Saturday evening, 6.45, the annual contest for the selection of an Ursinus representative to the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest at Lafayette, this month, was held in Bomberger Hall. Mr. Charles F. Deining, '15, gave an oration on "The Despoiled Race," and cited facts of history ancient and modern to illustrate the injustice that has been heaped upon the Jewish race, and to show what a strong and worthy part that race has performed in the various honorable activities of life. Mr. Dewees F. Singley, '15, gave the next oration, subject: "Rejected Stones." He briefly recounted the many difficulties which are encountered by individuals when they depart from the customs and thought of organized society. He proved his statement by giving examples of inventors, doctors and philosophers, who, when they submitted a new invention or theory to society, were the victims of public criticism. He emphasized the fact that the work of these men, though rejected for the time being, finally become living monuments or cornerstones, which are respected by future generations. The last oration was given by Mr. Ralph J. Hartrity, '15, on "The Awakening Public Conscience." He set forth evidences of the reaction taking place in current thought and action against the formalism of society, and urged more effort to make the welfare of society our highest aim. The young men acquitted themselves very well. They displayed a strong intellectual and moral grasp and reflected much credit upon themselves and the college. The judges—members of the faculty—had a task in making their decision, which was awarded to Mr. Deining. Dr. Smith made the announcement.

At eight o'clock, the same evening, a No-License meeting was held in the Hall, Dean Kline presiding. An address was delivered by Governor George Hodges of Kansas. He spoke in an able manner about the results of prohibition in Kansas, and held the close attention of the audience. Excellent music was rendered by St. Luke's Glee Club before and after the address.

President Omwake is slowly recovering from his prolonged illness. The boys will all be glad to welcome his reappearance at the college.

The vocal concert by the Metropolitan Grand Quartet in Bomberger Hall, Monday evening, was received with great favor by a large audience. Every member of the quartet is a highly trained vocal artist of distinguished ability, and in their single and combined efforts in presenting a strong program, won frequent and richly deserved encores. The accompanist at the piano, Mrs. Page Lane, also displayed much musical ability. The writer never heard better vocal music in Bomberger Hall, or anywhere else, than was rendered Monday evening. If the quartet comes this way next year, seats in the hall will be at a premium.

CONCERT EXTRAORDINARY.

Big preparations are being made by the St. Luke's Club for a grand concert to be given in the near future. The program will consist of selected talent arranged to entertain and amuse a most critical audience. There will be violin, cornet and piano solos; music by the Glee Club, and selected readings. The surprise of the evening's program will be the introduction of the "Harmony Four," a new creation of the club that has come to stay. The possible date of this concert will be Saturday, April 3. Definite time and place will appear in the next issue of this paper.

REMONSTRANCE AGAINST EAGLEVILLE HOTEL.

A remonstrance was filed Monday morning in the office of the Clerk of Courts against the petition of Darius Kline for a liquor license for the Eagleville hotel, in Lower Providence township. There are fifty-one signatures of men and forty-six signatures of women. The remonstrants oppose the granting of the license for the following reasons: "There is no necessity for public accommodation for a licensed house at this place. The application is not a fit person to be entrusted with this place." The petitioners in favor of a license number about sixty.

C. Tyson Kratz Filed Statement.

C. Tyson Kratz, Esq., has filed his statement of claim in the suit which he filed some time ago against officers of the Montgomery county no-license campaign. He asserts that \$75 is due him for legal services rendered, representing \$500 balance on \$1000 contract for opposing licenses during three weeks of license court, and \$25 for previous work done in fighting violations of liquor law.

Price of Milk for March.

The Executive Committee of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association has fixed the wholesale price of milk for March at 4-1-2 cents per quart until further notice.

Health Promotes Happiness.

Without health, genuine joy is impossible; without good digestion and regular bowel movement you cannot have health. Why neglect keeping bowels open and risk being sick and ailing? You don't have to. Take one small Dr. King's New Life Pills at night, the morning you will feel a full, free bowel movement and feel much better. Helps your appetite and digestion. Try one to-night.

\$1,000,000 FOR CATTLE PLAGUE!

LOSS.

Governor Brumbaugh last week announced his approval of the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the payment of the state's share of the cost of the cattle killed, property destroyed and other expenses incurred in combating the foot and mouth disease, a like amount having been made available by the federal government. It is the intention of the state livestock sanitary board to take immediate steps to disburse the money. It is estimated that 20,000 animals were destroyed in fighting the disease, making it the most expensive outbreak ever known in the cattle industry in Pennsylvania. Approximately \$28,800 above the half million appropriated is claimed in vouchers filed with the board, and these and other expenses which may be incurred before the close of the session will probably be cared for. The cattle will be paid for as appraised under the provisions of the act of 1913.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The latest bulletin from the State Livestock Sanitary Board releases from quarantine, on account of the foot and mouth disease, all territory in Montgomery county except Douglass, Franconia, Frederick, Upper Gwynedd, New Hanover, Upper Hanover, Hatfield, Horsham, Linerick, Marlboro, Montgomery, East Norriton, West Norriton, Perkiomen, Lower Providence, Upper Providence, Salford, Lower Salford, Upper Salford, Skippack, Lower Merion, Towamensing and Worcester.

LOWER COURT AFFIRMED.

By a decision of the Supreme Court rendered Tuesday, the Montgomery County Courts is affirmed in the action of damages instituted by Laura K. Walleigh, against Oliver K. Bean, following the death of her husband, Harry C. Walleigh, operated by an automobile owned by the defendant. The jury in the case rendered a verdict of \$3500 for the widow and Judge A. S. Swartz subsequently refused a new trial.

The case grew out of an accident that occurred at Main and Astor streets, Norristown, over a year ago. Walleigh, who was a carpenter in the employ of the Grater-Bodey Company, was riding a bicycle, and had just left the entrance to the lumber yards when the automobile, operated by a negro chauffeur, and owned by Mr. Bean, hit the wheel. Walleigh was tossed from the bicycle and his skull was fractured. He died on the way to the hospital.

Bergdoll the Auto-Racer Again Injured.

Grover C. Bergdoll, the millionaire auto racer and aviator, who is listed as one of the defendants at the March term of Criminal Court at Norristown was badly injured last week while trying out the course in Exposition Park, San Francisco, according to a despatch from that city. Bergdoll's car, an Irwin Special, which he was driving, ran into a strand of barbed wire stretched to keep wagons off the track. Bergdoll was driving fifty miles an hour when the accident occurred. His head and face were badly cut and he was unconscious for more than an hour. Bergdoll's adventures in automobiles have kept the police in Philadelphia and adjoining counties busy for several years. His reckless driving resulted in a ninety-day term in the county jail at Norristown. Bergdoll was to have faced a Montgomery county judge and jury for the third time Wednesday. He is charged with violating the auto laws.

Stove Company Enjoined.

The March-Brownback Stove Company of Pottstown is enjoined by Court from the use of the name of trade mark "Penn" on any of its products. Judge Solly, Friday morning, issued an injunction against the Pottstown concern in an action which had been brought against it by the Mt. Penn Stove Company of Reading. The March-Brownback Company is also ordered by the court to make an accounting to the Reading concern relative to the profits of its products bearing the name or trade mark "Penn" which have been sold. The Pottstown concern must also pay the court costs which amount to over \$100.

Fairview Village and Vicinity

One thousand hens at the Keystone Poultry Farm laid 11,500 eggs during the month of February.

E. G. Hendricks, who for a number of years kept the store at Fairview Village, has sold out to Wm. S. Young.

The new stable at the Fairview Inn, to take the place of the old one destroyed by fire, is almost completed.

Paul Gavin has recovered from his illness and has resumed work in his blacksmith shop at Providence Square.

W. E. Johnson, the harness maker at Providence Square, is kept very busy and has an extra hand at work.

During the month of February J. Lukens Kavan gathered 4200 eggs from his flock of 450 hens.

Malcom Schwellker spent Sunday with Addison Kriebel.

CRIMINAL COURT.

The two weeks' term of March Criminal Court opened at Norristown, Monday, with eighty-seven cases listed for trial. Among the cases that involve considerable public interest is that of Clarence Snyder, the railroad brakeman, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter, the Commonwealth alleging that he was responsible for the wreck at Royersford which caused the death of two trainmen. He will be arraigned for trial, according to the list, on Thursday forenoon.

A plea of guilty was entered before Judge Swartz in Court Room No. 1, by Isaiah M. Blank, the 15-year-old Harleysville boy charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, in having fired a shot at Harvey Latschaw, a middle aged married man, living about half a mile above Harleysville. The shooting was the result of a game of pool. Latschaw won and twisted the boy about being defeated. The boy lay in wait behind a tree and fired a shot that lodged in Latschaw's back. Sentence will be imposed on Saturday.

COUNTY HOME AFFAIRS.

The Board of Poor Directors, at their meeting Thursday took steps toward the erection of a double dwelling house on the county home property to be utilized for the farmer and assistant farmer. These two employees are obliged to live some distance from the county home farm and this greatly interferes with their work. The rental to be fixed for the houses will be considered in their compensation.

The United States Government paid its share of the value fixed for the herd of cattle and hogs slaughtered in connection with the foot and mouth disease that developed among the county animals. This payment amounted to \$2937.75.

The Steward, Dr. Brown, during the past month, collected \$107.59 from the estates of relatives of persons being cared for at the county home. The total receipts of the steward's office for the month were \$3141.65, while his expenses were \$31.66.

The present population consists of 142 men and 58 women. Of these, 50 are in the hospital. The only returns from the county farm for the month were the eggs gathered. These totaled 115 1-2 dozens.

COW TESTING ASSOCIATION.

The Centre Square Cow Testing Association was recently formed by dairymen of Whitpain, Worcester, and Norriton townships. The purpose of the association is to bring to the highest possible standard the milk production of their dairy stock and this at a minimum cost of maintenance. The following officers were chosen: President, Harvey Murphy, Norristown; R. F. D., vice-president, Amos Schultz, Worcester; secretary, Ellwood Anders, Norristown; R. F. D.; treasurer, Howard Baker, Centre Square; directors, these officers, with Messrs. Harry K. Walker, Centre Square; Wm. K. Heebner, West Point; and Horace Wood, Centre Square.

New Treatment for Tetanus.

Announcement was made last week on behalf of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, of the invention of an apparatus and the discovery of a new method of treatment, both designed to reduce the mortality from tetanus among soldiers wounded on European battlefields. Twenty-five apparatuses, it is said, have been sent to Europe by the Institute for use on the battlefield, and patents to the invention have been thrown open so that who ever wish may manufacture and use the apparatus. The Institute's investigators have found that most of the deaths among wounded men are due to tetanus and that the present method of treating tetanus has certain drawbacks. An injection of a solution containing epson salts into the membranes of the spinal cord is a part of the method of treatment, it is announced. Dr. F. J. Mettler, of the Institute, is given credit for the new method. The belief is expressed that with this method of treatment and the use of the new apparatus—which is designed to aid in artificial respiration—many more lives will be saved.

BLACK ROCK AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John I. Bechtel.

Mr. Rudolph Stauffer and Miss Mary Stauffer, of Chester county, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Longacre.

Mr. Gustave Kaiser and Mr. Louis Kaiser, of Roxborough, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents here.

Miss Ruth Bechtel, of this place, spent the week end with friends in Oaks.

Mrs. Jacob Funk attended the funeral of Mrs. Nathaniel Grubb on Tuesday in Philadelphia. Mr. John Longacre also attended the funeral.

Mrs. Tripp and daughter Helen, of Chester county, spent last Tuesday afternoon at Midway Farm.

At The Invigorating Whiff of the Pine Forest!

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Pine Forests brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Antiseptic and healing. For a bottle, 25c. Suggests, 25c. Electric Bitters a Spring Tonic.

DANGERS OF SPRING.

When nature arouses from her winter lethargy and the first faint promises of spring softens the wind, man in common with all animal life harkens to the foretelling.

The desire for change and relief from the winter routine is strong in us all, and while this is the time when caution should be exercised our impulses seem to lead us to cast it aside. The high death rate from pneumonia and tuberculosis which is the inevitable accompaniment of the early spring months is an irrefutable evidence that this change from winter habits requires the exercise of caution to prevent evil results.

The city dweller in particular is apt to over-eat and under-exercise during the winter season. As a result when spring approaches his physical strength is below par, he becomes easily fatigued and therefore susceptible to the attacks of disease germs.

Old people who suffer from the cold during the winter and who do not appreciate that ventilation need not mean exposure, are apt to suffer from the sudden changes of temperature at this season of the year. It is particularly due to these winter habits of poor ventilation and insufficient exercise that when spring arrives we feel debilitated.

The sensible liver who sleeps the year round in the fresh air, eats in moderation and exercises rationally is far less subject to spring fever and spring ailments than the more self-indulgent individual.

During March when fluctuations of the temperature are frequent, care should be taken to maintain an even bodily temperature by proper protection in the way of clothing. Better some slight discomfort at noon than to be chilled on the way home from work at night. Moderation in diet is also advisable. This with a reasonable amount of exercise and well ventilated sleeping rooms will aid in resisting the dangers accompanying the approach of spring.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE FOX.

On last Thursday morning a life quietly passed away from Collegeville, a life that will not be missed by more than three or four persons, and yet the lessons of this uneventful life are so many and so beautiful that any one who stops for a moment to consider them will be helped and inspired.

Catherine Fox was born near Skippack, Montgomery county, on January 14, 1846. When she was about two years old an attack of scarlet fever destroyed her hearing. The song of birds, the sound of musical instruments, and human voices were unknown to her. When she was fifteen years of age she showed a very keen sense of observation and an aptness with the use of a needle which was out of the ordinary. Later she learned to make men's coats and for years she earned her living in this way and did the work with a neatness and accuracy most unusual. For the past five years she has been a helpless invalid, but her pleasant smile and cheerful countenance were unchanged. In her earlier years the love of a devoted mother shielded her from many hard places in life, and since the mother's death she has been blessed with the constant care and devotion of a sister. Bright color in any form, materials soft to the touch and the affection of little children were her only pleasures, and yet the brightness of her eyes told plainer than words that these few blessings when taken into a pure soul, afford more real enjoyment than money can buy.

One of our modern writers has said: "It is possible to die leaving God in our debt." Whether this be true or not I would not attempt to say. But here is a life which must surprise God himself when he sees the small endowment with which he sent it into the world and after sixty-nine years to see it come back to him without malice toward anyone; with joy in every hour it lived; with peace written upon every expression; with patience unlimited. In fact a life without sin.

GRATERFORD.

The free supper given by the Graterford Beneficial Society was a success. The committee of arrangements deserve special commendation. The menu was grand and consisted of chicken, chicken salad, chicken soup, celery, olives, ice cream and all necessary viands.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moyer, of Trappe, spent Saturday with his parents.

Daniel S. Kline, of Allentown, spent Sunday with friends in this vicinity.

Chas. L. Bechtel slaughtered an eleven-months-old porker which tipped the beam at 320 pounds. Who can beat it?

A. A. Wismer has sold some registered stock to private parties.

Mrs. Oscar Miller is confined to the house with sciatic rheumatism.

Aaron K. Schwenk is still very sick with typhoid fever.

The township supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday.

F. W. Wack, Esq., was in town doing some surveying on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Mary A. Landis and Hannah E. Haldeman spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia.

News From Trappe

The Sunbeam Mission Band will hold a meeting in the U. E. church Saturday afternoon, March 6, at 2.30.

Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday evening.

Miss Clara Miller has returned home from Philadelphia after spending the winter months there.

Wedding bells will soon ring in this place.

Meeting of St. Luke's Club on Thursday evening, March 4, at 7.30.

Mr. John McHarg is on the sick list. He has been quite ill.

Walter Cauffman has accepted a position with Mr. McMeniman on his large stock farm at Betzwood, Pa. He left for that place on Monday.

The Trappe grammar school held an entertainment last Friday afternoon and rendered a very interesting program.

Mrs. Philip Knapp planted a bed of onions on Tuesday of last week. Early gardening, that.

YERKES.

Mrs. Fannie Fetterolf and son Irvin visited C. A. Crist and family over Sunday.

Garret Benner and family spent Sunday with Rev. Jesse Mack and family.

Andrew Mack and wife entertained J. M. Hunsberger and family on Sunday.

Raymond Sell has left the employ of Rev. J. H. Mack and is employed by Dr. Pearce of Jeffersonville.

Alvin Christman, who has been with Henry H. Bechtel this past year, is now employed with Rev. J. H. Mack. He will move into the remodeled tenant house of Mr. Mack about April 1st.

Cal. Cormand has left the employ of A. D. Gotwals.

Harry Miller purchased a fine young horse at the public sale of H. H. Rohrer last Thursday. Mr. Rohrer had a good sale and large attendance.

John G. Gotwals, his son Abram Gotwals, and C. A. Crist, were in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

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Here's the First Sign of Spring

Mosheim's Are Showing the Latest and Greatest Collection of Blue Suits for the Easter Events

THIS store always shows its heels to others in value because of the volume of business transacted here. It guarantees satisfaction and service to buyers, because it adheres to the policy "Right or Make It Right." Quite naturally, being recognized as the clothing leaders, the public look to us to be first on the ground with the coming Spring styles. We're away ahead.

Right now, we can show an unmatched array of inimitable styled Suits of Blues and Grays made up in models conservative or radical extraordinary.

Prices are sure to prove just as pleasing as the patterns.

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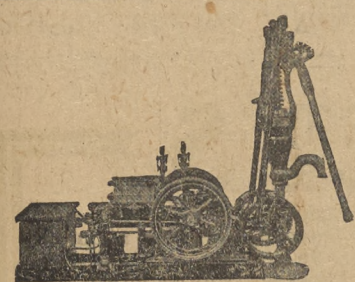
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AN INVESTMENT IN LOVE

It Was a Complicated Business.

By EUGENE A. VOGT
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Glenwish Johnson sat in the private office of the Acme-Johnson Grocery company, of which commanding establishment he was president and practically sole owner.

Curtis, the confidential young man of Johnson's own business rearing, was with him, as usual, at this hour—4 o'clock—receive his superior's final instructions for the day.

"Well," concluded Mr. Johnson in that icy tone the meaning of which none knew better than Curtis, "that's settled. If that Marden note is not paid tomorrow you go ahead and foreclose the mortgage. This presuming on old friendship and that sort of rot will not do. I've renewed it once, and I'm tired of it."

Curtis smiled and nodded as he shut down the top of his chief's desk. The latter had turned to go, but stopped suddenly.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed. "I almost forgot. My little girl is twenty-one today." The diplomatic Curtis merely smiled his congratulations. "Hand me my private check book, Curt," ordered Johnson. "I'll take it home with me."

Emil, the porter of Charles Thrane's leaf tobacco establishment on Water street, New York, was the first member of that firm's force to gasp as Edna, Glenwish Johnson's daughter, alighted from her electric car and briskly entered his part of the house.

"I should like to see Miss Grace Marden, Mr. Thrane's stenographer," she said sweetly.

"Right in there, lady," he said, pointing toward the inner office. "Hello, Edna," came Thrane's voice, cheery and cordial. "What on earth brings you way down to Water street?"

"I came down to see Grace on business, Mr. Thrane. You don't mind letting me speak to her in private for a few minutes?"

Thrane patted the girl's cheek with the familiarity of a very old friend and ceremoniously bowed himself out of his own office, softly closing the door behind him. Presently, however, the door of the private office opened and Edna stood at the threshold, her face rather pale and her pose uneasy.

"Please come in, Mr. Thrane," she pleaded tremulously.

Mr. Thrane re-entered his sanctum only to find that his troubles had just begun. His young stenographer was huddled in her chair distinctly near the verge of tears.

"I can't do a thing with her, Mr. Thrane," began Edna fiercely. "I do wish you would make her do it; I can't."

"What is it, Edna?" he inquired, with real concern.

"The whole thing in a nutshell is this: Mr. Marden, this foolish girl's father, owes papa \$5,000, and if it isn't paid before 3 o'clock today papa says I will foreclose the mortgage on something, and Grace and Uncle Bully John Marden will be homeless. Now, I was twenty-one yesterday, and papa gave me a check for \$5,000 as a birthday gift. I was so happy about it, saying that it would just cover the amount Uncle John owes papa, and now Grace—Grace—she won't take it. Please make her take it, Mr. Thrane."

"Please, Mr. Thrane," now came appealingly from the other girl, "please do not try to make me do this thing. God knows I appreciate Edna's motives, and I love her all the more for her kindly intentions. But I cannot take this money from her."

"Edna," he said very tenderly, "you are a very kind, dear girl, and I am proud to know you. But you do not understand, my dear. I am truly very sorry for both of you."

Johnson would gladly have paid the five thousand himself, but was afraid to do so. He knew that every trace of patient work to make a real business man out of his young confidential man Johnson did not dare to make so sentimental a proposition.

So he had carefully planned it all, had presented Edna with the money and an admonition to invest it as she saw fit, and then dexterously apprised her of Marden's indebtedness to him and the inevitable consequences of a failure to meet the note the next day.

"How do you like it, Grace?" he asked, smiling grimly. "The girl placed the piece of paper she had been holding in his hands."

"Come along with me, dearie. You do not have to ask Grace Marden or any one else to pay that note. All you need do is to go over to the bank and pay it. But as my check is not certified and, besides, you have never been inside of a real commercial bank I'll go with you if you will let me."

Edna rewarded her father with a grateful hug and kiss, and they traversed the outer offices. Glen Johnson, accompanied by his daughter, walked authoritatively up to the note teller's window of one of New York's largest banking institutions.

"How do you like it, Mr. Johnson?" greeted the man behind the bars respectfully.

"All right," responded the other cordially. "You have a note here for collection, \$5,000, John Marden, maker, to pay order. This lady wishes to pay it. Want me to certify it?"

"The note teller scrutinized the check. 'Oh,' remarked Smith, still smiling amiably, 'the check is all right, of course, but I can't take it. The note has been paid, Mr. Johnson.'"

"Paid?"

"Most unusual thing about this collection," resumed the teller. "It seems everybody wants to pay it. You are the third party to attempt to do so. It wasn't more than ten minutes ago that Miss Grace Marden came to pay it. She presented a certified check signed by Charles Thrane."

"Oh, Mr. Thrane!" interposed Edna gleefully. "So he paid it himself. Isn't that noble of him?"

"Mr. Thrane's intentions were good," proceeded the teller, "but he was too late by at least half an hour; but, of course," and here the teller risked a sly wink at Edna's father, "you know who really paid it, Mr. Johnson."

"I!" exploded the latter. "Do you think I came over here with my daughter to make a fool of myself?"

"I—I really, I beg your pardon," stammered Smith. "But naturally I

thought you knew when your own Mr. Curtis paid the note."

"It's all right, Mr. Smith," muttered Johnson, stroking his brow. "Come, Edna, let us go."

Johnson was still nervously clutching his daughter's hand as they passed through the outer offices of the Acme-Johnson Grocery company.

Just before he ushered the girl into the private office he ordered the office boy to send in Mr. Curtis at once. The culprit entered with his usual placid air.

"Hear anything about the Marden note?" asked Johnson leadingly.

"Yes, sir," replied Curtis dryly. "The note has been paid."

"Oh, it has, has it?" asked the chief sarcastically. "How do you know that since you haven't been to the bank today?"

The smile on the confidential young man's face was serene.

"I've been at the bank, Mr. Johnson," he said calmly. "I went there for the purpose of paying the Marden note."

"And you paid it?"

"I paid it."

"You paid it?" repeated Johnson, filled by the other's nonchalance. "We know you paid it, but why? You—in heaven's name! Why did you pay it? There is something behind all this, and I want to know it."

"There is a great deal behind it, Mr. Johnson," admitted Curtis cheerfully. "My life's happiness is behind it. Grace Marden has promised to become my wife."

"And you thought you would do a very wise thing by paying her father's note?" demanded Johnson.

"I thought so," replied the young man with just the slightest note of doubt in his voice. The elder man turned abruptly to his desk.

"I am sure," soothed his daughter, "that you are to be congratulated, Mr. Curtis. And your paying the note was a very noble act."

"Thank you," replied Curtis sheepishly as he took the dainty hand she had extended.

Ungratefully and ungratefully, he wished the radiant young woman showering him with appreciation would suffer him to get away or—better yet—would depart herself and leave him to have it out with her imperious, heartless father alone.

But suddenly Johnson rose to his feet. The young assistant's worried expression gave way to a triumphant grin at sight of the changed countenance of his chief, for the good, old man, fighting gleam shone in those eyes once more. Johnson handed the young man a check he had written.

"Now, listen here, Curt," he said sharply. Curtis knew the tone and hearkened attentively. "This is an order, and if it isn't carried out to the letter I'll fire you." Johnson's gray eyes softened as he continued: "Curt, you have put your good self in a fix. Bully John's daughter is too proud to stand for what you have just done. Don't I know a girl? Now, boy, you go over to the bank and stop that fool deal you just made. Now, you listen to me!" as Curtis made a gesture of protest. "Listen to sense, will you, even if you are in love! You go over to the bank and do as I say. Then you come back here with that abominable note. And then it's my move. I'll write Marden a letter, agreeing to extend that infernal note of his another four months. I'll tell him—er—something—changed my mind or something. Well, never mind what I tell him; that's none of your business now," turning to his daughter, who had laughed audibly. "Of any yours either, madam. That saves the girl's pride and relieves the old man's anxiety. Now, listen to me, you two—two—well, never mind!" for Edna had laughed reverently again. "I want you to know this much. I pay the \$5,000—do you get that? I—Glenwish Johnson—and no other living man, or woman either! Now, Curt, scoot!"

Curtis having "scooted," father and daughter faced each other with a new and better understanding.

"I am so proud of you," she murmured. Glen Johnson caught the tears in her voice even before he saw them on her cheeks.

"You mustn't cry about it, girlie," he said tenderly.

But she did cry about it, while her happy father held her very close to his breast for he knew that every tear she shed was a token of her new love and reverence for himself.

ABSURD WORKING OF CREW LAW

Little Road Owned by Farmers—Must Put Five Men on Dinky Trains.

Oxford, Pa., March 3.

The farmers in the southern corners of Chester and Lancaster counties are up in arms against the Pull-Crew—"excess man crew"—Law.

There is a very obvious reason for this. They see the absurdity of the workings of this law carried to an extreme. More than this, they have a very direct interest in the matter.

About six months ago some forty of the richer farmers of this section bought the Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railway for \$40,000.

This is a little railroad with twenty-eight miles of line. It makes the only transportation service through a country with about 2500 population.

There is not much traffic on the road, either passengers or freight. In fact, there are only two or three trains a day, each of which carries one passenger coach and as many freight cars as the traffic requires. It is the rarest thing to see a train of ten cars. The average train consists of two to five cars.

Under the law each train, even if made up of five men—two on the engine and three on the train. This also holds if there are only two cars, as sometimes happens, when one of them carries freight, for the law provides that no railroad can "operate over its road any freight train in consist of less than thirty freight or other cars with a train crew consisting of less than five persons."

The farmer owners of this little railroad calculate that the wages of a train crew of five men almost equal the average earnings of three cars.

FLOATING HOMES.

Barge Dwellers of New York One of the Sights of the Harbor.

The lot of the harbor barge men is not one for commiseration. He is far more independent and content than his neighbors in the field hives of the tenement districts which he sees from his barge as he floats past the river foot of New York's east side streets.

At a quiet, about 2500 population, he is moored in a quiet dock. He may sit on his bit of deck and enjoy his after supper pipe in quiet as he gazes upon the darkling ripples of the water and

listens to the dying roar of the city's busy day. His wife sits beside him, putting the last stitches in a gingham garment for their child, who already is in his bunk.

Their cabin is bright and clean with-out and within. White paint and green trimmings, a bit of striped awning and a little flagstaff are its outward embellishments. Muslin curtains at its tiny windows, geraniums on the stilt, a cheery nickel clock on its own shelf above the stove, a neat red tablecloth, a homemade braided rug upon a bright oilcloth—these give character to the living room, or galley. Within is the bedroom, perhaps 6 by 8 feet, with a white iron bed and a bunk above its foot, in which the son and heir sleeps peacefully.

There may be a cottage in New Jersey down Long Island sound waiting this worthy couple when winter's ice closes the Hudson and ends their season's work, but they make the barge their home while on it.

Some of these barge homes shelter as many as six persons. On some of the large covered railroad barges the skipper's house is on the roof. Its dimensions may be 10 by 30 feet, affording three rooms. In the "parlor" one would not be surprised to find a sofa, a music machine and racks of records and family portraits in crayon, all according to usage ashore, while the captain, being of a sporting turn, takes his family to sail on a Sunday in a gorgeously painted punt of his own building with leechboards to make it weatherly and a sail setting as neatly as the canvas of a cup defender—Harper's Magazine.

IT WAS A "JIM" POEM.

But That Was Not the Only Reason Why Riley Liked It.

James Whitcomb Riley and Joel Chandler Harris figure in a story told by a writer in the New York Sun. They had sought rest and recuperation in a hotel among the southern mountains and wished to avoid the attempts of the other guests to lionize them. Much against their wills, however, they were constrained to appear at a "reading" from their own works, after having been routed from a secluded spot in the woods to which they had retired.

A young elocutionist had the center of the stage when they got to the hotel. She led off by announcing a poem by Mr. Riley. She recited it. It was about somebody named Jim. Riley looked impressed.

"Would you mind," he said when she had finished, "reciting that again?"

She did not mind, and went at it. Riley wiped a tear away as she finished. Then he said: "Please recite it again, if you will."

She did it a third time, and Riley was even more affected.

"Do you know," he said, after she had ended, "I like that poem. It's a Jim poem. I always liked Jim poems. My own name is Jim. I always read Jim poems. I have written several Jim poems myself. But do you know why I like this Jim poem better than any other?"

The young woman eagerly asked why. The assembled guests leaned forward breathlessly to hear the answer.

"I like it," said Riley, "because it always reminds me of my dear old friend, Eugene Field. Eugene Field is the man who wrote that poem, you know."

Wrong Dinner Hour.

Our dinner hour is wrong, according to Professor Bergotte of Bordeaux university. The human body, says he, is an engine driven by a steam boiler. Food is its fuel. The most fuel should be used just before the heaviest work is done. The heaviest meal should come, he says, before the day's work—in other words, at breakfast. The meal meal should be lighter and the evening one hardly a meal at all—New York Post.

First War Balloon.

At the battle of Fleuris, June 26, 1794, in the French revolutionary period, the balloon was for the first time used in the service of the army. The Austrians, stupefied, saw the captive airship Entrepreneur above their heads at a height of 300 meters. This apparition greatly annoyed the Austrians. The human body, says he, is an engine driven by a steam boiler. Food is its fuel. The most fuel should be used just before the heaviest work is done. The heaviest meal should come, he says, before the day's work—in other words, at breakfast. The meal meal should be lighter and the evening one hardly a meal at all—New York Post.

Slight Error.

Customer (to druggist)—The label on this bottle isn't right. Druggist—Why not? It says: "One teaspoonful as required. Shake before taking." Customer—It should read, "Take before shaking." This medicine is for chills, isn't it?—Boston Transcript.

Her Advantage.

"A cook has one advantage over everybody else in the house."

"What is it?"

"They may all want bread before she'll knead it."—Baltimore American.

Among all other vices there is none I hate more than cruelty, the extremest of all vices.—Montaigne.

CONDUCTORS ON EXCESS CREWS COME

Experienced Men Assert That Over-Manning of Trains is Bad Practice.

Rockaway, N. J., March 1.

Not a few railroad trainmen are taking open position for repeal of the extra crew or "excess man crew" laws. With forty-two years' experience as a passenger train conductor on the New Jersey Central Railroad, Samuel A. Crook, widely known among railroad men in the northern part of this state, says the "excess" man is a hindrance rather than a help in efficient train operation.

"I am very much opposed to the law," says this veteran conductor. "Two brakemen I always considered sufficient, as I could get more effective work from two than I could from a larger crew. There is not enough work to keep a larger number busy."

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